Utilisation of funds for National Highways by Karnataka

2641. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount spent on repairs and maintenance of National Highways in Karnataka during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) whether the Karnataka Government has utilised the entire amount for repairs and maintenance or diverted the funds; and

(c) whether the repair and maintenance is entrusted to State PWD or to the CPWD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The total amount spent on repairs and maintenance of National Highways in Karnataka during 1993-94 and 1994-95 is about Rs. 1089.00 lakh and Rs. 849.46 lakh (upto February, 1995) respectively.

(b) The allotted funds have been utilized for repairs and maintenance and there is no diversion of funds.

(c) State P.W.D.

National Road Policy

2642 MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's National Roads Policy draft, aimed at transforming the highways into 'pathways to prosperity', is not likely to take off on the expected lines, in the wake of the latest World Bank suggestions, as per the report in the Hindustan Times, dated February 11, 1995, entitled "World Bank derails national roads policy";

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The World Bank while generally endorsing the Government's ideas on privatisation has suggested that India should make a beginning with smaller projects like bridges, urban bypasses and expressways of demonstrably high priority to gain experience first.

Amounts from Central Road Fund to Gujarat

2643. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount from the Central Road Fund provided to Gujarat during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94;

(b) how much of the amount allocated in 1992-93 and 1993-94 has been utilised;

(c) what is the total number of roads developed in Gujarat during 1992-93 and 1993-94.

(d) how many roads are proposed to be undertaken for development in 1993-94; and

(e) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration for providing funds for strengthening the roads between Rajkot-Ahmedabad and Baroda-Surat, by putting pre-mixed material on the road to make them smooth and strong?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Funds allocated to